

Financial Assistance Programs for Hearing Aids

MISSOURI PROGRAMS

MO Vocational Rehabilitation

573-751-3251 (V)

573-751-0881 (TTY)

877-222-8963 (V)

<http://dese.mo.gov/vr/vocrehab.htm>

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides a variety of assistive technology services, devices and equipment to eligible clients. Contact your local VR to see how one can qualified for a hearing aid through their assistive device service.

MO HealthNet [Medicaid]

573-751-3221 (V)

Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov

<http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/massist.htm>

The MO HealthNet program is based on certain eligibility requirements and may be subject to certain limitations, especially for adults who do not meet the eligibility assistance category. For additional information, please contact your local Family Support Division that can be found in the telephone book located in the Government Section and the County Social Services.

MO Department of Health & Senior Services

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (CYSHCN)

573-751-6246 (V)

800-451-0669 (V)

info@health.mo.gov

<http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn>

The CYSHCN Program provides assistance for children and youth with special health care needs from birth to age 21. As a payer of last resort, the program provides limited funding for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for children whose families meet the financial eligibility guidelines.

Show-Me Loans

Missouri Assistive Technology

Attn: Show me Loans

1501 NW Jefferson Street

Blue Springs, MO 64015

816-655-6702 (V)

800-647-8557 (Toll Free)

Eileen.Belton@att.net

www.at.mo.gov/loans

The Missouri Assistive Technology offers low-interest loans to Missourians with a disability through their Show Me Loans Programs. Hearing aids is one of the assistive technology eligible for loans.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

AUDIENT

866-956-5400 (V)

hear@epichearing.com

www.audientalliance.org

AUDIENT is an alliance for hearing care with service partners that help low income seniors, children, and adults access new digital hearing aids at significantly lower costs than normal. AUDIENT serves as a third party administrator by performing income qualification, collecting the funds from the patient a agent of the provider, and managing the database of outcome measures from each patient. Costs and pricing are designed to be reasonable for both patients and providers of care.

HEAR NOW Program

Starkey Hearing Foundation

6700 Washington Avenue South

Eden Prairie, MN 55344

800-328-8602 (V)

www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org

The Starkey Foundation provides assistance through their HEAR NOW program with hearing aids to those who have no other resources to acquire hearing aids.

Help America Hear Program

Foundation for Sight & Sound

PO Box 1245

Smithtown, NY 11787

631-366-3461 (V)

631-360-1998 (FAX)

info@foundationforsightandsound.org

<http://foundationforsightandsound.org>

Foundation for Sight & Sound provides hearing aids for men, women, and children with limited financial resources. Qualification depends on income and insurance.

Help Them Hear

Optimist International

800-500-8130

programs@optimist.org

www.optimist.org

The Optimist International provide financial assistance for hearing aids; however, not all local or regional Optimist clubs choose to support this endeavor. Please contact the International organization to obtain further information on for local or regional Optimist clubs' contact information.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP)

Lions Club International

800-635-4667 (V)

503-827-6952 (V)

LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org

www.lionsclubs.org

The Lions have a long history of providing financial assistance for hearing aids, through either hearing aid banks or direct assistance. However, not all local or regional Lions clubs choose to support this endeavor.

Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation

PO Box 59261

Minneapolis, MN 55429

800-234-5422 (V)

763-268-4295 (FAX)

www.miracle-ear.com

This foundation provides no-cost hearing aids and hearing support services to children under 16 years of age whose families do not qualify for public assistance and cannot afford them.

Oticon Pediatrics Loaner Bank Program

Oticon, Inc.

29 Schoolhouse Road

Somerset, NJ 08873

888-684-7331 (V)

732-748-2011 (FAX)

www.oticonusa.com

The Oticon Pediatrics National Hearing Aid Loaner Bank Program will provide hearing aids and earmolds for children, birth to three, who are in need of immediate amplification when amplification is not readily available, especially when waiting for third party reimbursement approval or for a cochlear implant evaluation

Sertoma International

1912 East Meyer Boulevard

Kansas City, MO 64132-1174

816-333-8300 (V/TTY)

816-333-4320 (Fax)

infosertoma@sertoma.org

Affiliated with local speech and hearing centers to which they give scholarships and provide grants for projects on speech and hearing. They have a very active hearing aid recycling program.

Scholarship Trust for the Hearing Impaired

Travelers Protective Association of America (TPA)

3755 Lindell Boulevard

St Louis, MO 63108

314-371-0533 (V)

800-333-4320 (FAX)

support@tpahq.org

www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust.html

The TPA Scholarship Trust for Hearing Impaired is to provide financial aid to children and adults who suffer deafness or hearing impairment and may seek to apply for financial aid for a hearing aid. Please visit their website and note the submission deadline date for the Scholarship Trust Application.

The HIKE Fund, Inc.

Job's Daughters International

c/o Abbey Croissant

18 Cambridge Drive

Belleville, IL 62226

618-222-0936 (V)

ajcroi@yahoo.com

www.thehikefund.org

This is supported by the Job's Daughters International. The purpose of the Fund is to provide hearing devices for children under the age of twenty and in need of financial assistance.

MILITARY PROGRAMS

Retiree At-Cost Hearing Aid Program/Retiree Hearing Aid Purchase Program (RACHAP/RHAPP)

<http://militaryaudiology.org/site/aids>

The web sites list the Audiology facilities, along with contact information that may provide hearing aids at cost to United States military retirees, as well as to their dependents. It is highly recommended that you contact the facility first to ensure the program is still available at that facility.

VA Denver Acquisition and Logistic Center

Department of Veterans Affairs

303-914-5145 (V)

dalc.css@va.gov

www.prosthetics.va.gov/Hearing_Aids.asp

Those who are veterans with hearing, speech, language, or balance problems may contact this group for financial assistance on purchasing hearing aids.

The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing does not endorse the above listing. This document is for informational purposes only. Additionally, this resource list is subject to change at any time.

For more information , contact:



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Jefferson City, MO 65109

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